



**FRANSON,
Hilding
Jan. 10, 1942 -
Nov. 13, 2017**

Born January 10, 1942 to Hildur and Otto Franson of Colonsay, Hilding was the youngest child in a farm family of eight and was a smart, independent and curious boy. Completing a BA in geography at the U of S, Hilding first

planned roadside stops along the highway before consulting with First Nations bands while with Indian Affairs. In the 1970s he worked with urban planning in Regina, including the mobile home park at White City. He also helped develop the Snoasis Valley Ski Area, making the valley his home until moving to Estevan in 1990 where he was in charge of environmental impact studies for the Rafferty Dam project. Hilding eventually transitioned into a managerial role at the Royal Alexander in Duncan, B.C. proudly turning the struggling building into a safe and welcoming home for its residents. Throughout his life Hilding built homes by his skilled hand, curled at a national level out of high school, was a proud blood donor, loved singing and dressing up in funny costumes while doing skits, and was an impassioned Riders fan. He also took pride in genealogy research, accompanying his mother on a heritage trip back to her native Sweden in 1974 with daughter Leanne. There he visited many small churches and archives, assembling a family tree going back generations.

Predeceased by parents Otto and Hildur, brother Herbert, sisters Linnea and Gudren and son Shawn, Hilding is survived by brothers Don and Einar, sisters Vera and Ingrid, wife Jeannette, children Derek and Kirsten, first wife Elaine, their daughter Leanne, son Marlo and grandson Taotao Otto.

A celebration of Hilding's life will take place in the spring.